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President: Ms. Al-Khalifa ..... (Bahrain)

The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.

Agenda item 103 (*continued*)

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs

(a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council

The President: The General Assembly will continue with the election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council to replace those members whose term of office expires on 31 December 2006.

As members will recall, when the thirty-seventh plenary meeting was adjourned on Thursday afternoon, 19 October, there remained one seat to be filled from among the Latin American and Caribbean States.

In accordance with rule 92 of the rules of procedure, we shall proceed now to the next round of balloting by secret ballot. This thirty-sixth round of balloting, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, will also be the seventeenth unrestricted ballot.

For this thirty-sixth round of balloting, may I remind the Assembly that any Member State from among the Latin American and Caribbean States may be a candidate except those outgoing members and those already members of the Security Council, namely, Argentina and Peru.

Before we begin the voting process, I should like to remind members that pursuant to rule 88 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order on the actual conduct of the voting.

We shall now begin the voting process. Members are requested to remain seated until all ballots have been collected.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers marked "B" for the Latin American and Caribbean States the name of the one State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B" will be declared invalid if they contain the name of more than one State as well as if they contain the name of a Member State that does not belong to that region.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Jumat (Brunei Darussalam), Mr. Sepúlveda (Chile), Mrs. Cerere (Kenya), Ms. Klausa (Poland) and Mr. Flueck (Switzerland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 3.20 p.m. and resumed at 3.55 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B – Latin American and Caribbean States

Number of ballot papers:	187
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	187
Abstentions:	6
Required two-thirds majority:	121
Number of votes obtained:	
Guatemala	109
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	72

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Since the result of the ballot has been inconclusive, there still remains one seat to be filled from among the Latin American and Caribbean States. We must therefore proceed to the eighteenth unrestricted ballot.

For this thirty-seventh round of balloting, may I remind the Assembly that any Member State from among the Latin American and Caribbean States may be a candidate except those outgoing members and those already members of the Security Council, namely Argentina and Peru.

We shall now begin the voting process. Members are requested to remain seated until all ballots have been collected.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers marked "B" for the Latin American and Caribbean States the name of the one State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B" will be declared invalid if they contain the name of more than one State as well as if they contain the name of a Member State that does not belong to that region.

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A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 4 p.m. and resumed at 4.15 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B – Latin American and Caribbean States	
Number of ballot papers:	192
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	192
Abstentions:	6
Required two-thirds majority:	124
Number of votes obtained:	
Guatemala	107
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	78
Chile	1

Since the result of the ballot has again been inconclusive, there still remains one seat to be filled from among the Latin American and Caribbean States. We shall therefore proceed to the thirty-eighth round of balloting, which is the nineteenth restricted ballot.

This thirty-eighth round of balloting shall be restricted to the two States from among the Latin American and Caribbean States that were not elected but obtained the largest number of votes in the previous ballot, namely Guatemala and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. This is in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure.

We shall now begin the voting process. Members are requested to remain seated until the ballots have been collected.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers the name of the State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B" for the Latin American and Caribbean States will be declared invalid if they contain the name of a State other than Guatemala or the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, as well as if they contain the name of more than one State.

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A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 4.25 a.m. and resumed at 4.35 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B – Latin American and Caribbean States	
Number of ballot papers:	187
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	187
Abstentions:	5
Required two-thirds majority:	122
Number of votes obtained:	
Guatemala	105
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	77

Since the result of the ballot has again been inconclusive, there still remains one seat to be filled from among the Latin American and Caribbean States. We shall therefore proceed to the thirty-ninth round of balloting, which is the twentieth restricted ballot.

This thirty-ninth round of balloting shall be restricted to the two States from the Latin American and the Caribbean States that were not elected but obtained the largest number of votes in the previous ballot, namely Guatemala and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. This is in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure.

We shall now begin the voting process. Members are requested to remain seated until all ballots have been collected.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers the name of the one State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B" for the Latin American and Caribbean States will be declared invalid if they contain the name of a State other than Guatemala or the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, as well as if they contain the name of more than one State.

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A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 4.45 p.m. and resumed at 5 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B – Latin American and Caribbean States	
Number of ballot papers:	189
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	189
Abstentions:	6
Required two-thirds majority:	122
Number of votes obtained:	
Guatemala	105
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	78

Since the result of the ballot has again been inconclusive, there still remains one seat to be filled from among the Latin American and Caribbean States. We shall therefore proceed to the fortieth round of balloting, which is the twenty-first restricted ballot.

This fortieth round of balloting shall be restricted to the two States from among the Latin American and Caribbean States that were not elected but obtained the largest number of votes in the previous ballot, namely Guatemala and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. This is in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure.

We shall now begin the voting process. Members are requested to remain seated until all ballots have been collected.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers the name of the State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B" for the Latin American and Caribbean States will be declared invalid if they contain the name of a State other than Guatemala or the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, as well as if they contain the name of more than one State.

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A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 5.10 p.m. and resumed at 5.20 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B – Latin American and Caribbean States	
Number of ballot papers:	190
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	190
Abstentions:	5
Required two-thirds majority:	124
Number of votes obtained:	
Guatemala	101
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	84

Since the result of the ballot has again been inconclusive, there still remains one seat to be filled from among the Latin American and Caribbean States. We must therefore proceed to the nineteenth unrestricted ballot.

For this forty-first round of balloting, may I remind the Assembly that any Member State from among the Latin American and Caribbean States may be a candidate except those outgoing members and those already members of the Security Council, namely Argentina and Peru.

We shall now begin the voting process. Members are requested to remain seated until all ballots have been collected.

Ballot papers marked "B" will now be distributed. May I ask representatives to write on the ballot papers marked "B" for the Latin American and Caribbean States the name of the one State for which they wish to vote. Ballot papers marked "B" will be declared invalid if they contain the name of more than one State, as well as if they contain the name of a Member State that does not belong to that region.

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A vote was taken by secret ballot.

The meeting was suspended at 5.30 p.m. and resumed at 5.55 p.m.

The President: The result of the voting is as follows:

Group B – Latin American and Caribbean States

Number of ballot papers:	190
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	190
Abstentions:	6
Required two-thirds majority:	123
Number of votes obtained:	
Guatemala	100
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	82
Chile	1
Dominican Republic	1

This unrestricted ballot has again been inconclusive. According to the rules of procedure, we shall continue with a series of unrestricted ballots. However, I would like to inform members that the next round of balloting will take place on Tuesday, 31 October, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

As agreed, the following is the schedule of subsequent ballots: Wednesday, 1 November, at 3 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall; Tuesday, 7 November, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall; Wednesday, 8 November, at 3 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall; Tuesday, 14 November, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall; Wednesday, 15 November, at 3 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

The meeting rose at 6 p.m.